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SUBJECT: OVERFLIGHT AND/OR LANDING AND REFUELING CLEARANCES
FOR SUDAN

REFS: A) KHARTOUM 0636 (NOTAL) B) STATE 038654

1. AS DEPT AWARE, EMBASSY HAS BEEN DELUGED RECENTLY WITH OVERFLIGHT AND/OR LANDING FOR REFUELING REQUESTS ON SHORT NOTICE. WITH SOME FORETHOUGHT AND PRIOR PLANNING BY PARTIES INVOLVED, AMPLE NOTICE COULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN ON ROUTINE BASIS AND THROUGH NORMAL SUDANESE CIVIL AVIATION CHANNELS AS OUTLINED REF A AND PARA 4 REF B. EMBASSY OF COURSE IS ALWAYS PREPARED TO ASSIST ON EMERGENCY BASIS WHEN REGULAR CLEARANCE PROCESS BREAKS DOWN. HOWEVER, SUDANESE AUTHORITIES AND EMBASSY ALIKE ARE NOT AMUSED BY CONTINUAL ABUSE OF EXISTING EMERGENCY CLEARANCE PROCEDURES. THIS ABUSE IS TAXING EMBASSY'S GOOD WILL AND TIME MAY COME IN FUTURE WHEN GENUINE EMERGENCY CASE TURNED ASIDE FOR CRYING WOLF TOO OFTEN. THERE ALREADY INDICATIONS OF THIS REACTION. MOST RECENT CASES BELOW:
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A. ON 1 MARCH EMBASSY RECEIVED CABLE FROM EVERGREEN INTL WHICH REQUESTED OVERFLIGHT AND REFUELING ON 3 MARCH FOR C119 AIRCRAFT FERRYING UNFAO BELL 206 HELICOPTER FROM ATHENS TO DAR ES SALAAM. CABLE STATED THEY CONTACTED SUDAN AIRWAYS FOR GROUND HANDLING BUT HAD NO REPLY AND REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE. IN CHECKING WITH CIVIL AVIATION (AND SUDAN AIRWAYS) NO RECORD AVAILABLE OF

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PREVIOUS ROUTINE REQUEST BY EVERGREEN. EMBASSY ATTEMPTING
ASSIST BUT CLEARLY THIS SHOULD HAVE BEEN REQUESTED WEEKS
AGO IN ROUTINE FASHION THROUGH CIVIL AVIATION CHANNELS.
B. AIRLINE OWNERS AND PILOTS ASSOCIATION (AOPA)
SENT MESSAGE IN LATE FEBRUARY ASKING FOR CONFIRMATION OF
LANDING PERMIT FOR PRIVATE TOURIST FLIGHT REG N6874 TO LAND
ON 7 APRIL RPT 7 APRIL, STAY TWO DAYS, THEN PROCEED TO
CAIRO. CIVIL AVIATION HAS NO RECORD OF ROUTINE REQUEST.
THEY HAVE ALSO ADVISED NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN WITHOUT
OFFICIAL REQUEST FROM AOPA THROUGH REGULAR CHANNELS. AOPA
BEING ADVISED OF THIS SEPARATELY.
C. DEPT IS AWARE OF MORE RECENT FAA CASE INVOLVING REG
N40. WHILE EMBASSY APPRECIATED PRIOR NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO LAND AND REFUEL KHARTOUM BY MESSAGE OF 15 FEB., IT
FAILS SEE WHY ACTUAL ITINERARY NOT RECEIVED UNTIL
MESSAGE OF 23 FEB WHICH WAS CHANGED BY FAA IN NAIROBI
AND CONFLICTED WITH INFO FROM DEPT. ALTHOUGH SCARCE
FUEL WAS RESERVED AND AMPLE PRIOR NOTIFICATION WAS GIVEN
TO FAA IN NAIROBI, PRIOR TO N40 DEPARTURE, FLIGHT IN
FACT OVERFLEW KHARTOUM WITHOUT NOTIFYING EMBASSY WHO HAD
FSL STANDING BY TO ASSIST. CHANGE OF FLIGHT PLAN WAS
RELAYED TO FSL BY KHARTOUM TOWER.

3. REQUEST DEPT EMPHASIZE TO AOPA, EVERGREEN AND OTHERS,
INCLUDING FAA, THAT WHEN THEY KNOW ROUTING IN ADVANCE
WHICH REQUIRES SUDANESE CLEARANCES, FOURTEEN DAYS LEAD
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TIME DESIRED AND AT MINIMUM, SEVEN DAYS PRIOR NOTICE BY
CABLE TO CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES. IN EMERGENCY SITUATION,
EMBASSY USUALLY ABLE ASSIST WITH SEVENTY TWO HOUR PRIOR WARNING.
OTHERWISE, ENTIRE CLEARANCE PROCESS BECOMES BURDENSOME AND
CONFUSING, ESPECIALLY AT ELEVENTH HOUR AND WHEN TIMES AND
DATES FOR SUCH CLEARANCES CHANGE. CORRECT CHANNEL FOR
CLEARANCES HAS ALWAYS BEEN DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL
AVIATION. REQUEST DEPT'S ASSISTANCE IN KEEPING IT THERE.
ALSO, JET FUEL AND AVGAS IN SHORT SUPPLY HERE AND ONLY WITH
RELUCTANCE WILL SUDANESE RELEASE IT. THEREFORE, REFUELING
HERE SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED.
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